

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 4, 11, 32, and 37 and add Claims 39-42 as follows.

1 -3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A digital camera which can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting a plurality of images to the printer, comprising:

    a selection unit configured to select a plurality of images to be printed;

    a print instruction transmitting unit configured to transmit, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images selected by said selection unit are to be printed;

    an image transmitting unit configured to transmit, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting an image to be printed, the requested image to the printer; ~~and~~

a reception unit configured to receive from the printer a reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer; and

    a display unit configured to display, ~~in response to receiving from the printer, a reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received,~~ information indicating that the communication between the digital camera and the printer ~~may~~ can disconnect before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the images to be printed, in response to receiving the reception end message by the reception unit.

5 -10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image input apparatus which can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting a plurality of images to the printer, comprising:

a selection unit configured to select a plurality of images to be printed;

a print instruction transmitting unit configured to transmit, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images selected by said selection unit are to be printed;

an image transmitting unit configured to transmit, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting an image to be printed, the requested image to the printer; and

a reception unit configured to receive from the printer a reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer; and

~~a display unit configured to display, when receiving from the printer a reception end message indicating that all of the images to be printed have been received, information indicating that the communication between the image input apparatus and the printer may can disconnect, before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the images to be printed, in response to receiving the reception end message by the reception unit.~~

12 -26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein, in response to receiving from the printer a print completion message indicating that all of the images have been printed after receiving the reception end message, said display unit prompts the user to select another image to be printed.

28. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein said display unit displays information indicating that the user may disconnect the digital camera and the printer and may operate the digital camera for sensing an image in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

29. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected by a cable, and said display unit displays information indicating that the cable can be disconnected in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

30. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected via a wireless interface, and said display unit displays information indicating that the camera can be brought outside a wireless communication area of the printer in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein, in response to receiving from the printer a print completion message indicating that all of the images have been printed after receiving the reception end message, said display unit prompts the user to select another image to be printed.

32. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a digital camera which can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting a plurality of images to the printer, comprising the steps of:

selecting with the digital camera a plurality of images to be printed;  
transmitting to the printer a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images selected by said selecting step are to be printed;  
transmitting, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting an image to be printed, the requested image to the printer; ~~and~~  
receiving from the printer a reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer; and  
~~displaying, in response to receiving from the printer a reception end message indicating that all of the images to be printed have been received, information indicating that the communication between the digital camera and the printer may can disconnect, before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the images to be printed, in response to receiving the reception end message by the receiving step.~~

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 32, further comprising the step of prompting the user to select another image to be printed, in response to the digital camera receiving from the printer a print completion message indicating that all of the images have been printed after receiving the reception end message.

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 32, further comprising the step of displaying information indicating that the user may disconnect the digital camera and the printer and may operate the digital camera for sensing an image in response to the camera receiving the reception end message from the printer.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 32, further comprising the step of displaying information indicating that a cable can be disconnected in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer when the digital camera and the printer are connected by the cable.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 32, further comprising the step of displaying information indicating that the digital camera can be brought outside a wireless communication area of the printer in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer when the digital camera and the printer are connected via a wireless interface.

37. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image input apparatus which can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting a plurality of images to the printer, comprising:

selecting with the image input apparatus a plurality of images to be printed;  
transmitting, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the plurality of images selected by said selecting step are to be printed;  
transmitting, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting an image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

receiving from the printer a reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer; and

~~displaying, when receiving from the printer a reception end message indicating that all of the images to be printed have been received, information indicating that the communication between the image inputting apparatus and the printer may can disconnect, before completion of~~

a print process, by the printer, of the images to be printed, in response to receiving the reception end message by the receiving step.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 37, further comprising the step of prompting the user to select another image to be printed, in response to the image input apparatus receiving from the printer a print completion message indicating that all of the images have been printed after receiving the reception end message.

39. (New) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein, after the printer sends to the digital camera the reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for all the images to be printed is completed.

40. (New) The image input apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein, after the printer sends to the image input apparatus the reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for all the images to be printed is completed.

41. (New) The method of controlling a digital camera according to Claim 32, wherein, after the printer sends to the digital camera the reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for all the images to be printed is completed.

42. (New) The method of controlling an image input apparatus according to Claim 37, wherein, after the printer sends to the image input apparatus the reception end message indicating that all the images to be printed have been received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for all the images to be printed are completed.